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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

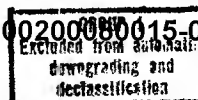
SUBJECT : Special Purpose Building

REFERENCE : Memo dtd 28 Feb 67 to D/PPB fm D/L,
Subj: Office of Logistics Program Plans
FY 1969 - FY 1973

1. This memorandum is for your information only.
2. Pursuant to your request we are providing additional information on the subject reference with regard to a special purpose building to be located at Langley. This new program was included in the reference as a budgetary item from FY 1968 through FY 1971 and proposed \$15,750,000 in FY 1971 for the construction of a building totaling [REDACTED] square 25X9 feet of space.
3. The justification for the technology building is not based on increased personnel, but rather on special technically configured space needed to stay abreast with modern technology.
4. We would plan to move the following activities or portions thereof into the special purpose building:
 - a. The Computer Center and related offices of Office of Computer Services (OCS).
 - b. The Signal Center and its related functions.
 - c. Telephone Frame Room and related space.
 - d. Technical Services Division (TSD).
 - e. Office of Training (OTR).

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f. Minor elements of other offices required for support of the new building or which further study may indicate as desirable for transfer to the special purpose building.

5. Upon completion of this building, we would release all Agency space at Glebe Road, 2430 E Street, N. W., and Arlington Towers.

6. If a special purpose building is not approved, very expensive alterations will be required to existing space (already overcrowded and unsuited to future needs). The present situations for potential occupants of the building are as follows:

a. The OCS has requested more than a 100 percent expansion of special purpose type space to house all computer and related data processing equipment in the Headquarters Building. Implementation of the third generation of such equipment, now underway, requires interface between computer facilities and advanced communication equipment. Thus, special needs for air conditioning, shielding, physical security and backup facilities as well as common supply items can best be accomplished in new space especially designed for that purpose. This will be most difficult and expensive to accomplish by alterations and expansion in existing areas.

b. The Signal Center is overcrowded and some of the equipment needs to be replaced with more modern machines. The Director of Communications estimates that by the 1970's space for the Signal Center must be doubled and that the equipment will be so complex and expensive as to make relocation after that period "virtually unthinkable." As in the case of the Computer Center, time is a vital factor in determining the extent of alterations and changes required. It will be difficult to defer until 1970 many of the improvements becoming available, but given a target for completion of new facilities, interim plans can be adjusted accordingly.

c. Should 2430 E Street be vacated, it will also be necessary to relocate the satellite switchboard located there. A relocation of this facility at Langley or elsewhere in Virginia, of course, will bring with it a substantial increase in telephone costs inasmuch as the Virginia rates are as much as 200 percent higher in some categories. The equipment in the Telephone Frame Room will be obsolete in the next decade. It would be most economical to

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install the new equipment in a new Langley location (requiring about double the present space) and cut-over to the new system. Thereafter, the existing telephone area in the Headquarters Building can be converted to office space.

d. The Agency has expended almost \$1,000,000 for the alterations at 2430 E Street for TSD needs. Upon request of the Department of State, the General Services Administration (GSA) has recently prepared a cost estimate to relocate TSD and the satellite switchboard in the South Building. We understand that the Department of State continues to show interest in acquiring this property. Hopefully, we can hold on until 1970, but State's needs are expanding. The alternative to building the technology building is to rent commercial type space for TSD and undertake very expensive alterations which later must be taken out to restore the building to its original condition. This is a makeshift arrangement, unsatisfactory to all concerned.

e. The Office of Training is split into three locations in space unsuited to its needs. By the mid-70's OTR will need some 30,000 additional square feet--mostly classrooms--to meet expanded training needs. The Office of Training requires especially configured space with movable partitions, high ceilings, extra air conditioning, projection booths and similar facilities which may be less expensive than that needed for TSD, OCS and Signal Center, but none of the commercial type space is satisfactory.

f. Other Agency units such as the Machine Support Division of the Office of Central Reference (OCR), the Map Library of the Office of Basic Intelligence (OBI) and functions to be identified by further study can best be housed in special purpose space, making present space available for office use or for release to the Public Buildings Service, GSA.

7. In addition to being the most economical solution of our special purpose space problems, the proposed technology building would increase overall Agency efficiency and achieve long-range economy of operation. Agency activities would be concentrated at Langley, Rosslyn and NPIC reducing transit time and costs. The rented office type space at Rosslyn has some flexibility to adjust to variations in the total size of the Agency.

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8. A single building could be designed and constructed in much less time than a program to meet all our needs in the Langley area. The need for expeditious action to obtain specially constructed technical space as soon as possible in order to avoid very expensive alterations to our currently occupied space is obvious.

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